

# FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

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## Nominations being accepted for the Indiana Achievement Awards



Celebrate the good work of our state's top nonprofit organizations as they compete in three categories—innovation, impact and sustainability.

IAA is the only award program to recognize and reward Indiana nonprofits for demonstrated effectiveness. IAA was established in 1999 by a coalition of foundations, businesses and individuals to identify, recognize, and reward, effective nonprofits, while educating Indiana's nonprofit sector on best practices implemented by IAA winners. The awards

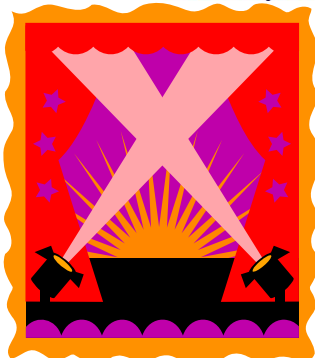
luncheon on November 9, 2007 and will celebrate the accomplishments of the **six** 2007 IAA winners, who will each receive a \$10,000 non-restricted grant award.

The nomination application is due by **April 30<sup>th</sup>** and can be downloaded at [www.sycamorefoundation.org](http://www.sycamorefoundation.org). For more information and complete details you can visit [www.sycamorefoundation.org](http://www.sycamorefoundation.org) or call 317-208-4845.



## Indiana Youth Investment Awards

The Indiana Youth Institute is now shining a statewide spotlight and is looking for 10 extraordinary youth serving organizations in Indiana. Nominations are now being accepted for the Indiana Youth Investment Awards. Ten awards will be distributed geographically across Indiana to successful programs that promote healthy youth development. Each winner will receive a cash award of \$5,000, to be used for professional development and to enhance their work with youth, as well as free admission for two to the Kids Count in Indiana conference in December, 2007.



The application is available on line at <http://www.iyi.org/yia> and is due **June 1<sup>st</sup>**.

## Computer Discounts

TechSoup Stock's pioneering Recycled Computer Initiative (RCI) gives nonprofits nationwide a chance to get high-quality refurbished computer systems at a discount. The first nationwide refurbishing program geared strictly to nonprofits, RCI also provides an environmentally friendly alternative to used equipment disposal. TechSoup Stock offers only high-quality computers formerly used by large corporations. These are machines that are typically phased out after two to three years of use and are in very good condition. Each one is loaded with a new operating system and comes with a 90-day swap warranty. Some of the computers are free and others cost a small price. For more information about TechSoup, visit their website at <http://www.techsoup.org/stock/rci/default.asp>



## National Black Marriage Day and Marriage Day Hall of Fame

The 4<sup>th</sup> Black Marriage Day and 1<sup>st</sup> Black Marriage Day Hall of Fame is a heartfelt effort to recognize, and awaken in others, the importance and significance of marriage in the African-American community. The Indiana Healthy Marriage and Family Coalition, Inc. is hosting this event at the First Samuel Holistic Ministries Church, 1402 Bellevue Place, Indianapolis, on Sunday, **March 25<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM**. Couples will be recognized and honored from over the state of Indiana who have been married 20 years or more and newlywed couples that show great promise of a successful marriage.

## Congratulations Hoosiers!

In 2006, 15 Hoosier cities and counties enacted smokefree workplace laws, making Indiana a national leader in protection from secondhand smoke in the workplace. Indiana health groups are receiving a national award for their leadership.

The Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights (ANR) presented Indiana with the ANR Smokefree Indoor Air Challenge Award. "It's a classic grassroots movement here in Indiana," said Karla Sneegas, Indiana Tobacco Prevention Cessation's (ITPC) Executive Director. "Our local policymakers are leading the way by cutting across party lines to make smoke free air and worker's health a priority. We've moved beyond traditional partnerships to work together with faith and business leaders and so many other groups and individuals who support the issue of having a healthier community and a healthier workforce."

In 2006, a total of 143 cities and counties enacted strong local smokefree workplace laws within 26 states. This is more than double the amount of local smokefree laws passed just two years earlier, with 64 laws enacted in 2004. Indiana more than doubled the number of local smokefree laws passed in 2006. A total of 6 strong laws passed in 2005 compared to 15 this past year. Among the municipalities that passed strong, local smokefree workplaces last year are Allen County, Avon, Franklin, Greensburg, Greenwood, Kokomo, Lawrence, Madison, Plainfield, Seymour, Speedway, Valparaiso, West Lafayette, Whitestown, and Zionsville.



Next week you will receive an additional issue of Friday Night Facts! This **Special Edition** will contain photos, highlights, letters, and information about the Governor's Award recipients from our 2007 Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism.